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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Jan-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 01/13/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/06/01
BRO-FRY	156,754	128,312
LT HENS	1,908	1,478
HVY HENS	1,276	1,174

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 30-DEC-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	314	0	314
LAST WEEK	497	0	497
SAME WK YR AGO	242	0	242
TO DATE 2000	23,067	387	23,454
TO DATE 1999	23,430	282	23,712

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,673	719	2,302
LAST WEEK	1,861	1,176	3,037
SAME WK YR AGO	1,838	980	2,818
TO DATE 2000	120,068	74,069	194,137
TO DATE 1999	130,200	74,029	204,229

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 06-JAN-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	126,812 (A)	1,361	722	2,083
AVG WT	5.17	3.32	8.00	4.94
LAST WEEK	116,494	1,359	719	2,078
SAME WEEK YR AGO	155,587	2,007	1,626	3,633
AVG WT	5.01	3.24	7.71	5.24
TO-DATE/2001	126,812	1,361	722	2,083
TO-DATE/2000	155,587	2,007	1,626	3,633

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 139.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 126.8 million head or 12.6 million head more than or 91 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 30, 2000**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	21,114	21,721	33,679
AVG WEIGHT	3.63	4.73	6.11
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	28%	44%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	24,254	21,621	25,187
AVG WEIGHT	3.74	4.72	6.05
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	30%	35%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	22,793	29,077	37,573
AVG WEIGHT	3.78	4.72	6.13
% OF TOTAL /1	25%	33%	42%
TO DATE/2000	1,667,705	1,664,803	2,081,498
TO DATE/1999	1,628,761	1,584,270	2,088,413

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 06-JAN-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,693	2,271	21	1	3,986
AVG WT	15.35	36.40	24.13	32.29	27.39
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	993	1,585	13	11	2,602
SAME WEEK YR AGO	3,545 (C)		2	20	3,567
AVG WT	27.06 (C)		28.00	26.55	27.06
TO-DATE/2001	3,964 (C)		21	1	3,986
TO-DATE/2000	3,545 (C)		2	20	3,567

(B) Includes 166,000 young banded breeders in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.

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